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Classified By: PolMinCouns Scott Bellard, reasons, 1.4 (b) and (d)

[1](#)1. (C) According to Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) Senior Policy Advisor for NATO Operations Amy Galigan, Canada "agreed totally with the essence" of ref a points on the need for NATO members to support Operation Ocean Shield. Galigan said that she was not aware of a policy directive from DFAIT or the Department of National Defence instructing Canadian missions to demarche allies on the subject, but noted that Canadian officials overseas had reported making similar points in their conversations with European allies.

[1](#)2. (C/NF) Galigan remarked that she had come to expect disappointing results at NATO force-pledging events, such as the one on June 10, but that Canada hoped allies would be more forthcoming when defense ministers meet later in the week. Ottawa already had decided to deploy a frigate to piracy-affected areas in and around the Horn of Africa from December 2009 through March 2010, but had not yet determined under which task force or combination thereof it would sail, she added.

[1](#)3. (C/NF) Canada's "default first choice" would be to assign its frigate to NATO's Standing Naval Maritime Group (SNMG), Galigan commented, but officials in Ottawa had decided to keep their options open for now.

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